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Sir:

A Notice of Appeal was received at the USPTO on December 27, 2004 in the subject application. An Appeal Brief was filed April 27, 2005. An amended Appeal Brief was submitted on August 12, 2005 pursuant to a notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief under 37 C.F.R. 41.37(d) mailed July 11, 2005 ("Appeal Brief"). The Examiner's Answer was mailed on April 5, 2006, and this Reply Brief is being submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 41.41.

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